

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.3 million during the week ending March 30, 2002, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but 3 percent above the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 30, 2002 were 314.6 million, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.

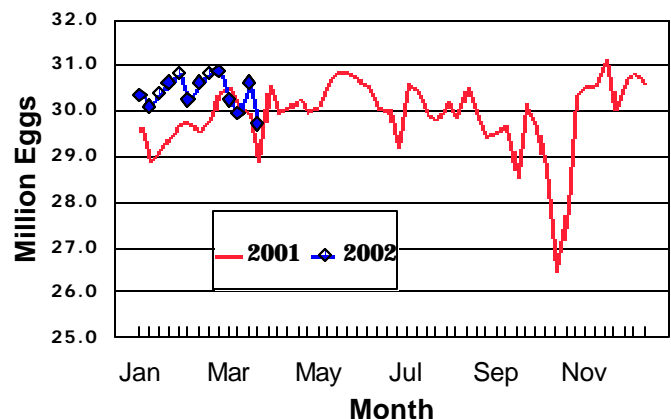
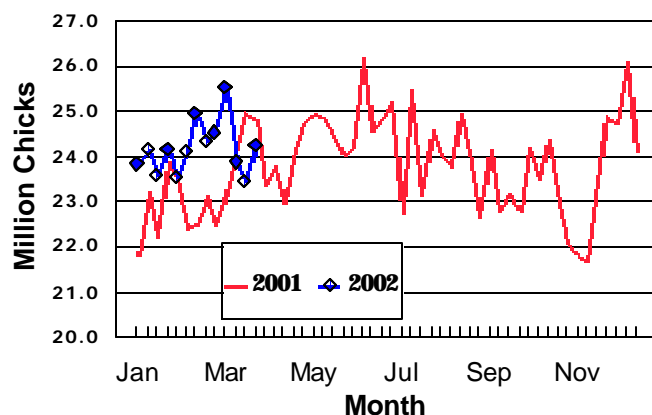
The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.1 million, down 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

Arkansas hatcheries set 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 30, 2002, up 3 percent from the same period last year and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	%	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Feb. 23	23,167	24,382	105	24,393	25,438	104	29,820	30,825	103
Mar. 2	22,485	24,553	109	24,515	25,023	102	30,460	30,859	101
Mar. 9	23,203	25,518	110	24,466	25,433	104	30,536	30,238	99
Mar. 16	24,259	23,918	99	24,708	25,522	103	30,162	29,964	99
Mar.	25,011	23,490	94	25,259	25,539	101	29,987	30,633	102
Mar. 30	24,837	24,294	98	25,336	25,067	99	28,886	29,747	103

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002

EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)					
STATE	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending				1/ %	
	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar		24-Feb	03-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar	31-Mar
Alabama	29,634 *	29,182	29,520	29,543	102	22,412	22,042	21,943	21,997	22,769	21,608
ARKANSAS	30,238	29,964	30,633	29,747	103	24,382	24,553	25,518	23,918	23,490	24,294
Delaware	3,548	3,559	3,471	3,528	96	4,809	4,902	5,576	5,239	5,167	4,839
Florida	2,331	2,281	2,317	2,368	88	2,510	2,128	2,180	2,277	2,165	2,215
Georgia	31,845	31,545	31,874	31,308	99	25,452	26,239	26,174	25,927	25,692	26,134
Maryland	9,467 *	10,079	9,223	9,618	112	6,779	6,751	6,293	5,874	5,970	5,947
Mississippi	18,807	18,654	18,827	18,945	101	15,639	15,691	15,720	15,988	15,553	15,550
N. Carolina	19,048 *	19,524	19,335	19,104	107	15,387	15,147	15,495	15,377	15,734	15,491
Pennsylvania	3,889	4,005	3,693 *	3,802	100	2,505	2,651	2,660	2,798	2,717 *	2,724
S. Carolina	4,819	5,004	4,971	4,717	96	3,918	3,979	3,914	3,951	3,805	3,829
Texas	15,324	15,328	15,376	15,378	105	12,044	12,161	12,216	12,190	12,162	12,101
Virginia	6,660	6,636	6,599	6,573	98	5,229	5,601	4,962	5,764	5,734	5,660
CA TN & W VA	11,708	11,102	10,975	11,150	96	9,162	9,220	9,851	9,870	9,687 *	10,607
Total 2002	187,318 *	186,863	186,814 *	185,781		150,228	151,065	152,502	151,170	150,645 *	150,999
Total 2001	184,834	184,715	184,449	182,666		142,593	143,883	146,406	148,973	150,747	150,234
% PREV. YEAR	101	101	101	102		105	105	104	101	100	101
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr	05-May	12-May	19-May

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	6,562	6,517	6,448 *	6,454	--	5,398	4,874	5,273	5,589	5,458 *	5,318	--
*Oklahoma	6,072	6,523	6,370	6,271	--	5,012	4,038	4,512	4,751	4,770	4,928	--
*LA & MO	9,308	8,694	8,964	8,960	--	9,823	9,238	9,403	10,873	10,373	8,875	--
19 State Total	209,260 *	208,597	208,596 *	207,466		170,461	169,215	171,690	172,383	171,246 *	170,120	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 186 million eggs during the week ending March 30, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 30, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 30, 2002 were 1.94 billion, up 3 percent the same period a year earlier.

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